

**INDIANA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 15, 2008**

**INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, CONFERENCE ROOM C
402 W. WASHINGTON ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

COA Members in Attendance: Noble Stallons, Richard (Dick) Grace, Ed Gottschling, John (Bob) Johnson, Roxsandra Clemons-McFarthing, Humbert Lopes

COA Members Absent: Glen Bonsett, Lena Roberson, Geneva Sams, Doris Parker, Anita McColleston

Staff in Attendance: Jade Luchauer, Celeste Stinson, Willie Poindexter

Call to Order: Noble called the meeting to order and the Commissioners and Division on Aging staff introduced themselves.

Noble asked for approval of the March 20th minutes. A motion was made and seconded with unanimous approval from the Commission to approve the minutes.

Money Management: Jade Luchauer, Assistant Director within the Division of Aging attended the statewide State Coordinators Money Management meeting in April that was held in Washington, DC. The Money Management Program is a non-funded program and the state donates its time to oversee the program and do the monitoring.

The Money Management Program is administered by the State of Indiana in partnership with local entities and the AARP foundation to provide the program at the local level. Money Management provides bill management and financial services. The program was established in 1993 to provide independence and economic security to people on a limited income who are at risk because they have difficulty managing their money. This service is a budgeting service that allows people on the program to know that each month their bills will be paid.

The State provides the oversight and monitoring, an example, a volunteer could commit fraud towards the client it would tunnel up to the State then to AARP, and these levels help to provide an extra security. The program only handles the federal money a person gets and they're only allowed so much money in their account to help cut down on the volunteers having access to too much of the client's money.

AARP sets up the rules and guidelines for the Money Management program, prepares the materials and provide assurance protection that if someone is taken advantage of AARP will step in repay the person's assets.

The sponsor banks for the Money Management Program are also a good source for funding for local programs. Under the Workforce Development Act/Community Reinvestment Act all banks as part of being socially responsible are required to reinvest a certain percentage back into the community for programs.

Bob Johnson brought up the subject of vacancies on the Commission and Chairperson Stallons said that the discussion will be on the June agenda.

The Commissioners requested a copy of the application that is being sent to new perspective clients who are interested in applying to be on the Commission. Jade said that she could give a summary of the questions on the application, but couldn't give them the actual application as it is only to be given to recipients requesting to be considered.

Mission and Goals: Roxsandra went over the Commission's Mission and Goals statement with the Commissioners and will make changes per their comments and e-mail or mail the revised document out the Commissioner's for feedback at the next meeting

Nominating Committee: The slate for next term is Noble Stallons, Chairperson, Anita McColleston, 1st Vice, Bob Johnson, 2nd Vice, Dick Grace, 3rd Vice and Roxsandra Clemons-McFarthing, Secretary. There was a call for nominations or questions from the floor, with there being none a motion was made by Ed and 2nd by Humbert to close the nominations. A motion was made and 2nd to approve the nominations with unanimous approval from the Commission.

Meeting Date Discussion: Keeping the current meeting dates between COA and CHOICE makes it possible for Noble to attend both of the meetings.

Noble handed out the evaluation tool for transportation and asked the Commissioners over the upcoming months to evaluate the services in their area. See if the transportation is meeting the needs of aging place. Maybe with their input and observations the Commissioners can help the Division in their efforts to provide transportation to the elderly. Housing will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Noble adjourned the meeting with unanimous approval from the Commissioners.